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**Question 1.**

Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to grant an additional 5 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than 50 persons?

**Summary of Question 1.**

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the 2008 Annual Town Meeting voted to ask the Legislature to authorize placement of this question on the 2009 annual election ballot, which the Legislature did. This ballot question asks the electorate to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue up to five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises in restaurants or function rooms that can seat at least 50 people.

Currently, the Board of Selectmen is authorized to issue up to ten licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises in restaurants or function rooms. To date, the Board of Selectmen has issued all ten of these licenses. A yes vote on this ballot question would authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to issue up to five additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises in restaurants or function rooms that can seat at least 50 people for a total of 15 such licenses. A no vote would make no change in existing licensing of sales of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. This question does not affect package stores.

**Question 2. This is a non-binding question.**

Do you favor allowing the service of alcoholic beverages without food in licensed restaurants?

**Summary of Question 2.**

This is a non-binding public opinion advisory question placed on the ballot by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Currently, the Board of Selectmen's rules and regulations governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in restaurants require that any sale of alcohol be made in conjunction with the service of food. Through this ballot question, the Board of Selectmen seeks the input of the electorate on whether to modify this rule. The vote on this question will be advisory only and will not require the Board to change its rules.

**Question 3. This is a non-binding question.**

Do you favor increasing the number of stores in Arlington licensed to sell wine and malt beverages for consumption off-premises from three to five?

**Summary of Question 3.**

This is a non-binding public opinion advisory question placed on the ballot by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Currently, the Board of Selectmen, as the liquor licensing authority for the Town, is authorized to license up to three stores to sell wine and malt beverages for consumption off the premises. All three of these licenses have been issued. Through this ballot question, the Board of Selectmen seeks the input of the electorate on whether to pursue authorization for the issuance of two additional such licenses. The vote on this question will be advisory only and will not require the Board to take any action toward increasing the number of available off-premise licenses.

**Question 4. This is a non-binding question.**

Do you favor allowing stores in Arlington currently licensed to sell wine and malt beverages for consumption off-premises to sell all alcoholic beverages for consumption off-premises?

**Summary of Question 4.**

This is a non-binding public opinion advisory question placed on the ballot by majority vote of the Board of

Selectmen. Currently, the Board of Selectmen, as the liquor licensing authority for the Town, is authorized to license up to three stores to sell wine and malt beverages for consumption off the premises. All three of these licenses have been issued. Through this ballot question, the Board of Selectmen seeks the input of the electorate on whether to pursue authorization to amend these licenses to allow the sale of all alcohol beverages. The vote on this question will be advisory only and will not require the Board to take any action toward changing the type of available off-premise licenses.